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In re Application of: Anderson, Hill and Jewell

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Notification of Defective Response issued on April 21, 2010. The Office had given Applicants a one-month period of time to reply to the Notice. This Amendment and the accompanying Response to the Notification of Defective Response is therefore timely filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application on its merits.

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